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Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require all Members of Congress, the President, the Vice President, White House and Administration staff, and congressional employees to enroll in the new public health insurance option.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 1st Sess.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN + Mr. GRASSLEY,
Mr. BURR + Mr. VITTER

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1 On page 156, line 4, strike all through page 157, line

2 7, and insert the following:

3 (D) REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERS OF CON-

4 GRESS AND OTHERS TO ENROLL IN THE PUBLIC

5 OPTION.—

6 (i) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding

7 any other provision of law, all Federal offi-

8 cers shall be enrolled in the community

1 health insurance option when established
2 by the Secretary.

3 (ii) INELIGIBLE FOR FEHBP.—Effective
4 tive on the date on which the community
5 health insurance option is established by
6 the Secretary, no Federal officer shall be
7 eligible to participate in a health benefits
8 plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United
9 States Code.

10 (iii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.—

11 (I) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate
12 disbursing officer for each Federal
13 officer shall pay the amount de-
14 termined under subclause (II) to—

15 (aa) the appropriate commu-
16 nity health insurance option; or

17 (bb) in the case of a Federal
18 officer who resides in a State
19 which opts out of providing a
20 community health insurance op-
21 tion and is enrolled in a plan of-
22 fered through an Exchange, the
23 appropriate Exchange.

24 (II) AMOUNT OF EMPLOYER CON-
25 TRIBUTION.—The Director of the Of-

1 fice of Personnel Management shall
2 determine the amount of the employer
3 contribution for each Federal officer.
4 The amount shall be equal to the em-
5 ployer contribution for the health ben-
6 efits plan under chapter 89 of title 5,
7 United States Code, with the greatest
8 number of enrollees, except that the
9 contribution shall be actuarially ad-
10 justed for age.

11 (iv) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
12 graph:

13 (I) COMMUNITY HEALTH INSUR-
14 ANCE OPTION.—The term “commu-
15 nity health insurance option” means
16 the health insurance established by
17 the Secretary under section 1323.

18 (II) CONGRESSIONAL EM-
19 PLOYEE.—The term “congressional
20 employee” means an employee of—

21 (aa) a committee of the Sen-
22 ate or House of Representatives;

23 (bb) the office of a Member
24 of Congress;

1 (cc) the Majority Leader of
2 the Senate;

3 (dd) the Minority Leader of
4 the Senate;

5 (ee) the Speaker of the
6 House of Representatives; or

7 (ff) the Minority Leader of
8 the House of Representatives;

9 (III) FEDERAL OFFICER.—The
10 term “Federal officer” means—

11 (aa) a Member of Congress;

12 (bb) the President;

13 (cc) the Vice President;

14 (dd) a political appointee;

15 and

16 (ee) a congressional em-
17 ployee.

18 (IV) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—

19 The term “Member of Congress”
20 means any member of the House of
21 Representatives or the Senate.

22 (V) POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—The
23 term “political appointee” means any
24 individual who—

1 (aa) is employed in a posi-
2 tion described under sections
3 5312 through 5316 of title 5,
4 United States Code, (relating to
5 the Executive Schedule);

6 (bb) is a limited term ap-
7 pointee, limited emergency ap-
8 pointee, or noncareer appointee
9 in the Senior Executive Service,
10 as defined under paragraphs (5),
11 (6), and (7), respectively, of sec-
12 tion 3132(a) of title 5, United
13 States Code; or

14 (cc) is employed in a posi-
15 tion in the executive branch of
16 the Government of a confidential
17 or policy-determining character
18 under schedule C of subpart C of
19 part 213 of title 5 of the Code of
20 Federal Regulations.